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"Other tricks? What else could they do?" Jasper looked at Lord Alvarado and asked.

Lord Alvarado, who never thought that his words would make Jasper react so much, was stunned for a moment. Then, h e said, "I'm not one of those bigwigs from the United States, so how would I know what they'll come up with?"

After speaking, Lord Alvarado and the little prince saw that Jasper was still pondering. So, they looked at each other and Lord Alvarado could not help saying, I just said it casually. You don't have to be so serious about it."

"No, I think what you said makes sense."

Jasper looked at Lord Alvarado and said seriously, "The United States has the world's top think tanks, while the global economic situation is shaped by them. How can such an opponent be a fool who can't even react in time?

"Perhaps they have already foreseen this. Although this crisis is indeed a serious blow to the United States economy, it has also helped them find and solve the problem in advance like a surgical operation.

"In this case, they may really transfer this loss somewhere else. After all, the United States is great at turning their own domestic issues into foreign wars."

Jasper's words shocked Lord Alvarado.

"Are they going to war with Somerland?"

Upon hearing that, the little prince glared at Lord Alvarado like he was looking at an idiot before Jasper could speak.

"How could two nuclear powers go to war? What are you thinking?"

Lord Alvarado breathed a sigh of relief and said, "That's fine, that's fine. I thought they're going to war after hearing what Jasper said, and I was scared to death."

The little prince ignored him, instead, he looked at Jasper and asked, "What do you think they will do?"

"No idea."

Jasper shook his head and smiled bitterly, "This is just my current speculation. I haven't even seen the slightest indication, let alone be sure of what they'll do. After all, I am not a god."

"In this case, I don't think it's helpful to overthink. It's better to concentrate on handling the things in front of us. As for everything else, we'll just have to be cautious."

Jasper approved of what the little prince said.

"Very well."

At this moment, Swallow Capital.

It was the same villa that was filled with birdsong and fragrant flowers.

Adele ran into the villa gleefully and spotted the man in the wheelchair who was reading under a tree with a parrot on his shoulder. Then, she ran over excitedly.

After slapping the parrot away, Adele said excitedly. "They triggered the subprime

mortgage crisis!

"The subprime market of the United States fell by 38% and the financial world is wailing right now. I was so shocked when I saw the market."

"Yeah, I know."

The man who had his head lowered and focused on his book replied indifferently.

"Hey, what attitude is that? Give me some

reaction."

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Adele was angry when she saw the man

acting like a corpse.

The man said lazily, "We expected this, so

what's there to react? Should I force

myself to be surprised? That would be too

boring."

Adele pressed her lips together and said, "

Who was the one who was not optimistic

about Jasper before? How did you

suddenly turn to expect this? You changed

so fast."

"It is indeed expected, but it does not

mean I've changed my mind. I am still very worried for him." The man closed the book and raised his hand. Then, the aggrieved little parrot who had been driven to stand on the branch immediately flew back with flapping wings. It rested on the man's palm and rubbed its head affectionately against his arm. "I'll turn you into stew sooner or later." Adele glared at the little parrot and huffed. The man ignored Adele's childish remarks and said slowly, "The current situation is actually not as optimistic as expected. Indeed, the subprime mortgage crisis has broken out, but what happens then?

"For the United States government, they need to control the scope and extent of the crisis and then retaliate. For Jasper, what he has to do now is determine how to expand upon the results and then deal with the United States government's retaliation.

"The United States has never been a country that suffers a loss and swallows its anger. There are too many lessons and examples for us to learn from in this regard.

"Hence, all you can do now is to pray that Jasper will not indulge in the illusion of victory. What's more, this victory does not belong to Jasper but to the capitalists in Harbor City who have ties to the politicians.

"They sacrificed 200 billion and it can be said that Harbor City has been emptied

now. Hence, Jasper needs to consider how to pay back this money and favor now."

Adele thought for a while and said unwillingly, "They're willing to do this. What's more, they are not doing this for Jasper. Even if they want someone to pay back the favor, it should be Swallow Capital. What does it have to do with Jasper?"

"How foolish."

The man shook his head and said, "Imagine if it was someone else in Jasper's position. Do you think the people in Harbor City would be so eager even if it were me?

"Even the seniors at the very top are alarmed by this.

"Have you realized that initially, everyone thought that the biggest backer behind Jasper was the Laws, and it was unknown when everyone started sharing this sentiment? After that, Jasper was valued by the higher-ups for a series of achievements, and when they decided to list him as a benchmark to cultivate him,

many people thought that Swallow Capital

was the one backing him.

"However, Swallow Capital does not exist to be anyone or any forces' backing. If they did so, Swallow Capital would only back up its people.

"So now, Jasper's real backer are the capitalists in Harbor City."

After he said that. Adele shuddered as if she had been electrocuted.

She only felt that a lot of things about Jasper became clear after these words, as if she had suddenly been enlightened with perfect wisdom. She had always felt muddleheaded as if she was separated by a layer of glass, but now everything seemed to be incomparably clear.

"I guess it is that way," Adele murmured.

"So, Jasper can sacrifice anyone, but the Harbor City capital absolutely can't perish in this battle. Otherwise, do you really think no one will contest Jasper for this position?

"The merit of achieving something big is great, but to set a benchmark for an era is. o loss significant than the general

election. Furthermore, it might be even more influential. Who is willing to lose this identity?

"If a death-exemption plate still existed i

n this time and age, this would be it."

When Adele heard this, she was

immediately anxious,

"I have to go. I need to take care of

something."

Looking at Adele's hurrying figure, the Iman shook his head. An extremely rare touch of worry flashed across his tranquil eyes that normally could never be disturbed.

"Adele, my dear sister, you can marry

anyone in this world, but not him."

Life at the Top Chapter 1823

Jasper was eating when he received Adele's call.

After he listened to what Adele said, he heard a final sentence which he could not tell if it was said seriously or out of professional habit. "The above news is worth 5 million, please transfer it to my fixed account."

Jasper almost sprayed the soup from his mouth onto the face of the little prince, who was sitting opposite him.

"I already have a preliminary plan with Harbor City capital. I won't say how much I'll earn, but there will certainly be returns, but the biggest problem now is that Harbor City is very weak. I am worried that their safety will be threatened."

Adele was not a fool. When Jasper said that, she immediately understood what it meant.

"The local area surrounding Harbor City will be fine because Swallow Capital is keeping an eye on them. Do you mean their overseas assets?"

Jasper nodded and said, "That's what I'm saying. You have to know that at least 70 % of the top families in Harbor City have assets overseas. After all, Harbor City is too small, so how could it support so many top capital families?

"Wall Street capital and the United States government will turn their attention to the overseas assets once this is over. When that happens, it will be very troublesome.

"If I can't protect the industry that I have worked so hard to build for so many. years, what's the use of making up for the money deficiency afterward?"

Jasper sighed, "You must know that any industry is the same. Once the scale of the industry reaches a certain level, it cannot be bought with money."

For example, Volkswagen, BMW, and Mercedes in the automobile field, mobile phone brands like Apple in the future, and also large groups such as Siemens and Rony were all unable to acquire with money. Hence, it would be useless no matter how much money you had.

However, Jasper's worries were not shots i In the dark.

Sentel Corporation, who had just withdrawn and left, was the perfect painful example of this.

Harbor City's capital was certainly strong, but unless they grouped together, no individual was Sentel Corporation's opponent.

However, even if they were grouped, they would also barely win against Sentel because their power was too scattered. They were involved in all industries, so they became bigger but not stronger.

If this was the case with Sentel, then Harbor Capital would be no different.

"Do you have any plans?" Adele asked curiously.

"No,"

Jasper answered directly.

Adele found it hard to accept this kind of

directness.

"Hey, are you giving up just like this?

From what I know, nothing can stump

you."

Jasper snapped, "Do you think I am God? Even though there is a god here, there are still some things that they can't do, let alone me."

"So should we just watch and do

nothing?" Adele asked anxiously.

"How much hush-hush money do you

have then? Do you want to sponsor me? Of

course, things will go smoother if the

money is enough," Jasper joked.

Unexpectedly, Jasper's unintentional

words sounded genuine to Adele.

"I really don't have much money. I have donated the money I have earned over the years to children's education, but I can still get you 60 to 70 million if you want."

Upon hearing Adele's serious tone, Jasper was surprised, "You don't do much business, but all of them make you a lot of money. Have you donated all of it?"

"Yeah, what do I want so much money for? Even if I don't make a penny and I just lie at home motionlessly, I'll get a fixed allowance. I live in military housing,

so I have shelter and food. Do you think that I am money crazy? I'd be insane to keep so much money that I couldn't spend. I have allowed thousands of underprivileged children to go to college anonymously over these years."

Jasper could not help but admire this top political third-generation upon hearing her proud words.

He knew that according to the temperament of Swallow Capital, how could they allow Adele to jump and fool around in this gray area?

Moreover, as far as he knew, the surviving leading figure of the Browns was a man who was not prepared to turn a blind eye to such a thing. That was the way of the older generation.

However, they could even acquiesce to Adele doing this. At the end of the day, it all still depended on Adele's pure and innocent heart.

"Awesome. I have a whole new outlook on you, but you have to keep an eye on the donated money. After all, most of the so

called charitable funds in Somerland are

not very professional."

Jasper's request made Adele giggle. She said, "Don't worry, they won't dare to embezzle a single cent belonging to me."

Jasper patted his forehead. This was true. Only those people in the charity who were not right in the head would embezzle the money Adele gave them. If they did so, they would not have the life to enjoy it even after they took it.

"Seriously, do you want me to lend you m y money first?" Adele asked.

"No, I was just kidding. You should keep it

for yourself. That little amount doesn't

help much anyway," Jasper said

helplessly.

"Alright, I'm a bit reluctant to give it to you anyway."

"By the way, the annual weekly special of

Time Magazine will be released tomorrow. I suggest you pay attention to it. There is news about me," Jasper laughed and said.

Adele was taken aback when she heard that. She replied, "You were interviewed by

Times Magazine? What did you say? Your current status is not the same as before, so you have to be very careful when you speak."

"What else could I say? It's just some

random nonsense. You'll know after

reading it.

"Alright, I have some friends here, so I

won't talk so much with you. I'm hanging

up now."

After the phone was hung up, Adele was

still a little unhappy because she had not

fully expressed herself.

"Hmph, I don't even bother to pay attention to the ones who want to chat with me. Don't expect me to answer your call next time, you arrogant rascal!"

After grumbling for a while, Adele ordered someone to buy the latest annual weekly special of Times Magazine tomorrow and send it to her.

"It must be some small interview, yet he's still so proud of himself. Forget it, since he told me to, then I'll show my support."

On Jasper's end the little prince and Lord

Alvarado looked at Jasper with amorous eyes.

"I'm very sure that's not Wendy." The little prince laughed.

"And I'm very sure it's a woman." Lord Alvarado smirked evilly.

"Also, I'm very sure it's a young and beautiful woman." Then, the two of them said at the same time.

Jasper said, not knowing what reaction to give them, "You can tell she's young by her voice but how do you know that she's beautiful?"

"Did women that are not beautiful appear around you before?" Lord Alvarado said jealously.

Jasper thought about it and seemed to find it true.

The women who were always around him were always outstanding and extremely beautiful.

"It's Adele. We were just chatting."

Jasper said carefreely. When Lord Alvarado and the little prince heard her name, their expressions changed.

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As the young generation leaders who were

as famous as the crippled Brown, it was

only natural that two knew Adele.

Not only did they know each other, but they also interacted with each other a lot.

It could even be said that they knew more about Adele than the crippled Brown.

However, it was precisely because of this that they were so surprised after knowing that Adele was the woman who flirted with Jasper on the phone.

"Dude, are you for real? Was that really Adele?" Lord Alvarado asked incredulously.

"Why do you guys look like you've seen a ghost?" Jasper asked suspiciously.

The corners of the little prince's mouth twitched, and he replied, "The Adele we both know is arrogant and unreasonable, and she also has a fierce temper. No one in Swallow Capital dares to provoke that woman. Do you know what she's most famous for?

"In her senior year of high school, two

brainless boys from the residence

harassed her and bullied a female

classmate of hers. That woman went

straight home and stole a gun from their

home security team. Then, she drove the military jeep straight into the compound, held the gun against the two idiots' foreheads, and forced them to kowtow to admit their mistakes.

"The most outrageous thing is that after this matter was over, she got away scot free. The elders of the two guys from the residence were asked to keep their mouths shut. I heard that Grandmaster Brown took care of this personally."

The little prince added, "I heard that the

woman spotted a pair of antique vases
worth more than ten million Somer

Coincidentally, these vases had appeared i

Dollars in those two guys' house.

n an auction not long ago.

"The grandmaster slammed his fist on

the table on the spot and asked the

authorities to catch them that very night.

They would be very dignified politicians i

n any generation, yet, they fell from grace

like that."

"Since they are public servants, how would they have the money to buy vases worth more than ten million at the auction and place them at home? There had to be something fishy going on," Jasper said.

"This is true. We are not saying that Grandmaster Brown is wrong, but you see, how old was the girl back then? She was in her third year of high school and had just reached adulthood. However, she went to their place seeking revenge in a fury. After that, she noticed something that shouldn't have been in their home and could even recognized it. How many children at that age could do such a thing?

"So, after this incident, almost no one at Swallow Capital dared to provoke her. It's not because she's doughty, nor is her grandfather so powerful, what really. annoys people is that the woman is so cunning. The Brown siblings are truly the same in this aspect.

"So how can we not feel shocked when we saw you flirting with such a tigress?"

Jasper was dumbfounded after listening to the little prince's sorrowful explanation.

In reality, this was the first time he had heard about Adele's past. It seemed that there was quite a history to her.

If this matter was true, then Adele must be even more cunning than he thought.

Besides, there was no need for the little prince and Lord Alvarado to lie to him about this.

"Perhaps we just clicked easily. That wasn't flirting. We're just close, and that's why we can talk so carefreely."

Even Jasper did not believe what he said.

However, no matter what they thought, it

was over now.

After they ate, the exhausted trio went back to rest.

Because of the time difference, the United States was turning bright the moment Jasper lay down.

A piece of huge news broke out on this new day that attracted countless people's attention. Its popularity surpassed even news of the subprime mortgage crisis.

Life at the Top Chapter 1825

The annual special of Times Magazine

was released.

Originally, this was not something

remarkable. It was just a magazine no

matter how many people read it as it was

not as important as the money and stocks

in their pockets. However, the key to this issue was the cover photo. It featured someone from Somerland who countless people from the United States wanted to skin alive.

Jasper Laine!

Since the founding of Times Magazine,
there were only a handful of Somerland
people who had been on the cover of the
annual special. The people from
Somerland who were featured before
Jasper could be counted by one hand.
Now, in this special period, Jasper, a man
and businessman from Somerland who
fundamentally detonated the subprime
mortgage crisis, was appearing on the
cover of Times Magazine. This felt like a

resounding slap to the faces of the people of the United States. "This businessman from Somerland, who is less than 30 years old, used his actions t o tell the world that nothing is impossible." This short sentence was the caption on the cover. On the cover photo, Jasper was in a formal suit and was sitting idly on the sofa, looking up at the sky outside the window. This profile was selected for the Best Photography Award in 2001 and was nominated as one of the 100 most influential celebrities in the world in 2001. Times Magazine transcribed the last

interview with Jasper and fit it in three

pages. They did not change any of the contents and they tried to show Jasper's original attitude to everyone in the world a

"He said that he was a businessman who

didn't care about politics, but his

s authentically as possible.

commercial means caused the United

States to be in terrible shape.

"He said he doesn't care about his wealth,

but his every move has profoundly

affected all aspects of Somerland society. Tens of thousands of families rely on the jobs he provides to make a living.

"He said he was not a nationalist, but he kept his best industry in Somerland and gave the United States a financial war.

"He is only 27 years old. When most of his peers were still looking for work to adapt to society, he set off financial turmoil that i s about to take over the world.

"Real estate, internet, and finance are known as the most promising and explosive industries in the 21st century. When everyone remains ignorant of the unknown, he has completed the industry layout in the East.

"In five years, this man has grown from nothing to being at the top of the wealth pyramid. This is him, the cover character of this issue of Times Magazine, a controversial man, Jasper Laine."

This admonition was known as the most profound textual sketch of Jasper in the Western world.

From the upper class to the lower class,

from the grassroots to the rich, from the bigwigs to the common people, everyone was focusing on this photo and cover.

There was no doubt that this time, the Times Magazine annual special had become a hit.

The civilians wanted to know how Jasper did it.

The rich also wanted to know how Jasper did it.

However, each class was different, so

their perspectives and goals were also

completely different.

The former wanted to imitate Jasper and wanted to be the second Jasper.

The latter gritted their teeth and dreamed about killing Jasper.

As the admonition on the cover stated, a controversial figure had emerged in the 21st century. He had become the first businessman to truly spread his name around the world since Somerland's reform and opening up.